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In all official documents and statements by Iran Govt AIIO must be referred to as "former". As ridiculous as this may seem considering the fact that AIIO is a UK company with extensive operations outside Iran, I believe Iran Govt will consider it impossible to exclude "former" from anything written by them, and requesting them to do so will serve no (rpt no) useful purpose and might do harm. Omission of word by Iran Govt will signify in eyes of public they had abandoned nationalization. Iranians have said no (rpt no) one will expect the Brit, in their reply, to use the word.

RSP: RVW

GRADY